

**Commission on Aging Disability Board Meeting Minutes  
June 9, 2021**

The Commission on Aging and Disability met via ZOOM.

**Members present:** Sandra Kramer, Carolyn Denman, Sharyn Knudson, David Scribbins, Van Nelson, Linda Symons, Virginia Wiedenfeld, Cindy Riley and Gary Peters

**Members absent:** Patrick Manning

**HHS Staff present:** Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber, Katy Paczkowski, Joanne Welsh, John Grothjan and Linda Batten

**Others present:**

**1. Call Meeting to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by David Scribbins

**2. Posting and Agenda:** Linda Batten verified the agenda was posted properly. Virginia Wiedenfeld made a motion to approve the agenda; Linda Symons seconded. Motion carried.

**3. Approval of May 12, 2021 Commission on Aging and Disability Meeting Minutes:**

- Van Nelson made a motion to approve the May 12, 2021 Commission on Aging and Disability meeting minutes; Linda Symons seconded. Motion carried.

**4. Board Education: APS Elder Abuse Awareness**

- Katy Paczkowski had PowerPoint presentation for the board that she went through.
- Katy explained her job responsibilities and whom she serves.
- Katy informed the board that she will be on WRCO on Monday talking about Elder Abuse.
- Katy told the board that June 15 is Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

**5. Elder Benefit Specialist Program Update:**

- Joanne Welsh explained what an Elder Benefit is and explained the different programs she helps with.
- Joanne said that these are some of the top things that she helps people with: Social Security – SSI and SSDI, Food Share, SeniorCare and Medicare Part D.
- Joanne also told the board that she has started doing her Welcome to Medicare Presentations in person. Now, she is only having a maximum of five people because of COVID.
- Joanne told the board President Lyndon Johnson signed Medicare into law in 1965. Therefore, Medicare turned 55 on July 30, 2020.
- Joanne went through the different parts of Medicare. Medicare A, B, C and D and what each covers.
- Joanne also said that Medicare Supplements Plans are supplied by private insurance companies. Supplements are guaranteed as long as you pay the premium. Drug coverage is either Medicare Part D and/or SeniorCare.

**6. Transportation 5 Year Site Compliance Review Results:**

- Roxanne went through the findings of the 5 Year Transportation Compliance Review.
- Roxanne told the board that there was nothing major wrong. However, we had to supply a Corrective Action Plan for some things.
- Roxanne went through these and explained them to the board.

**7. ADRC Update:**

- Roxanne told the board that the transportation program needs volunteer drivers and that we are down bus drivers.
- Roxanne said that the 5310 Grant should be coming out in a couple of weeks.
- Roxanne informed the board that she applied for \$1500 for health promotion. These funds will be used to train additional instructors.
- Roxanne said that the Point in Time count would be July 28. This count counts the homeless in Richland County and helps bring funding for homelessness supports to the county.
- Roxanne told the board that Alive and Kicking, a musical, would be held at the Community Center on August 26 at 1:00. Lunch will be served first then a musical and Fortune Cookies the play will take place. People must RSVP through the Aging and Disability Resource Center as there is limited seating.
- Roxanne said she would be finishing the first draft of the Three Year Aging Plan in July.

#### **8. ADRC Budget Review:**

- Roxanne informed the board that the Aging budget is at 32.2% utilization and that the ADRC budget is at 35.6% utilization.

#### **9. Regional ADRC Updates:**

- Roxanne reported that the ADRC funding for next year would be the same as this year.
- Roxanne told the board that the Alive and Kicking musical being put on here in Richland Center on August 26 is being paid for by the Regional ADRC. This musical will also be in Prairie du Chien, Westby and Mauston.

#### **10. Discuss and Approve Resignation of a Board Member:**

- Roxanne received a letter of resignation from Sharyn Knudson. Sharyn is retiring from Schmitt Woodland Hills and her last day is June 18.
- Sharyn told the board that she learned a lot from Virginia Wiedenfeld, Joanne Welsh and Linda Symons. She thanked everyone for everything.
- Roxanne asked the board for a motion to accept Sharyn's resignation from the Board.
- Linda Symons made a motion to accept Sharyn's resignation from the board; Virginia Wiedenfeld seconded. Motion carried.

#### **11. Discuss and Approve Potential New Board Member:**

- Roxanne received a letter from Jackie Carley of someone who may be interested about being on the board. However, she has not received anything from the person. This is tabled.

#### **12. Reports from Aging and Disability Organizations:**

- Sharyn Knudson reported that Schmitt's occupancy rate is down.
- Sharyn further reported that an employee in the Health Center tested positive for COVID. Therefore, the Health Center is on lockdown again.
- Sharyn also said that Schmitt bought a Trishaw that can handle a wheelchair.
- Cindy Riley said things are going very well at the hospital and that they have very little COVID patients.
- Cindy said the hospital is now in Phase 2 of opening. The requirements for Phase 2 opening are 70% of the hospital employees need to be vaccinated and 60% of the community. This allows visitor to have 2 visitor and staff can choose to wear masks. However, staff still must wear masks in a patients' room.

#### **13. Citizen Comments:**

- Sandra Kramer reminded the board that on July 6 there will be a 40 and 8 Pancake Supper at the American Legion. The cost will be \$6.00 and will be from 4:00 to 8:00.
- Sandra said one of the things that the proceeds from this go to is the Nurses Training Scholarship.

#### **14. Schedule Next Meeting:**

- Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. via ZOOM and in person in Conference Rooms A & B of the Community Services Building, 221 West Seminary Street, Richland Center, WI 53581.

#### **15. Adjourn:**

- Motion to adjourn until Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. was made by Van Nelson; Sandra Kramer seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Batten  
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